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Unmanned Aerial Vehicles
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether indigenous project of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) has been shelved after the crash of the UAV Nishant;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) proposes to improve upon UAVs and address the concern of army about Nishant; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) No, Madam.

(b) In view of reply given at (a), question does not arise.

(c) & (d): A product improvement project-Panchi (Wheeled version of Nishant), catering to the Army requirement of conventional take-off and landing has been undertaken. The project is in an advanced stage of development. Panchi could be utilized by Army for their tactical UAV requirements.

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